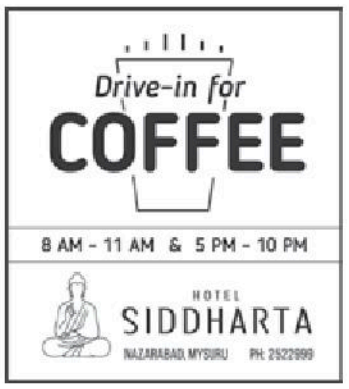

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Swachh Survekshan 2018

Central Team to visit city next week

- Pourakarmikas work overtime
- Civic body gears up for litmus test

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is ready for Swachh Survekshan Survey-2018, a litmus test to be conducted by the Ministry of Urban Development, to identify the cleanest city in India.

The team from Quality Council of India (QCI) that will assess the city in cleanliness parameters will arrive in city next week and this time, the MCC is hoping to regain the "Cleanest City" tag for Mysuru that it had lost in 2017 after being in the top position in 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. In the last survey (2016-2017), Mysuru slipped to the fifth slot.

This time, however, the challenge for the MCC is multi-fold as it has to compete with 4,041 towns and cities across the country. Along with Mysuru, seven towns including H.D. Kote, T. Narsipur, Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, Bannur, and Nanjangud will be part of the survey. This is the first time that towns — other than Mysuru — in the district are part of the survey, which will be conducted till March 10, 2018.

Gearing up for the survey, the Pourakarmikas are working three to four hours extra to ensure cleanliness. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha said that the QCI team will arrive in city next week as it was communicated that the survey will be held in Mysuru in the second week of January. The team will survey the city for three to four days and the exact date of their arrival will be communicated later, he said.

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STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

KSOU Recognition Row

Hopes hinge on new UGC Chairman

Prof. Shivalingaiah *Prof. Singh*

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&BCT)- Here is some hope for lakhs of students who are caught between the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and the University Grants Commission (UGC) that has derecognised the former for violations of guidelines. KSOU Vice Chancellor Prof. D. Shivalingaiah has met the newly-appointed UGC Chairman Prof D.P. Singh to resolve the standoff and according to sources, the meeting was fruitful and the UGC Chairman has assured a speedy solution.

Prof. Shivalingaiah met the UGC Chairman at his office in New Delhi on Jan. 3 and the meeting lasted for one-and-a-half hours. Sources said that it was a one-on-one meeting where other UGC officials were bypassed as they had allegedly misled the UGC authorities on KSOU courses and this had led to the stalemate.

Following the denial of recognition and non-renewal of affiliation, the KSOU was forced to approach the Karnataka High Court that had, on Dec. 12, 2017, asked the UGC to give recognition to KSOU for 2017-18 academic year (non-technical courses) within two weeks of the order.

Sources said that the KSOU VC explained to the UGC Chairman about the corrective measures that the Open University has taken as per the UGC Act and the respective rules passed by the Karnataka Government. The VC presented the compliance report to Prof. Singh and placed a fresh appeal before him to grant recognition for the non-technical courses offered by the KSOU (for students of Karnataka only) for the academic year 2017-2018.

The VC also presented the full order of the High Court and explained the plight of lakhs of students who have lost the opportunity to study in KSOU.

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Mysuru, Friday 5th January 2018

Demography in *Democracy*

Speaking or writing about the many aspects of the land and its people in times of a distant past with expressions of glorification using superlative adjectives is both a practice and a habit of *leaders* marked by their ubiquitous presence in society by virtue of both their high decibel harangues and publicity in the media. The fact that it is the same flock who are at the helm in the current dispensation taking the nation's masses for granted while making merry with public funds even as people are mute witnesses to their wily ways of fooling the masses and garnering votes in successive polls. The dramatic change from monarchy and colonial rule that the country witnessed to democratic system that is yet to stabilise prompts one to feel that the land's people continue to be unprepared and even unqualified to govern themselves. Those whose fiat runs in successive governments are living testimony of that feeling.

The script of the land's epics and writings of the historians portray the past generations with adoration on at least one count of creating rich culture of literature, music, art and so on, not to forget refined tastes in life that have endured for several centuries. Today's chroniclers are not obliged to write about the plight of the country and its diaspora in glorious terms if they are honest in their profession.

While *demography,* as commonly accepted, studies population dynamics including factors of birth, death, migration, aging in *numerical* terms, the journal *Demography,* since its founding in 1964, has mirrored the vitality, diversity, intellectual standards, anthropology, biology, economics and so on. An objective appraisal of the present profile of the land in the backdrop of the above extended meaning of the term *demography*, enables one to get a complete and clear picture of the country's democratic dividend, which is none too flattering. The ongoing battle between the two-wheeler riders of Mysuru and the law-keeping machinery involving an order on wearing helmet for rider's safety is a *glaring example* of both an unrewarding demographic dividend and disorderly democracy.

Pitching the two Ds (Demography and Democracy together), the hollow slogan of casteless/classless country voiced by the loud-speaking vote-seekers holds mirror to the deceitful drama in the democracy and its downgraded demographic dividend.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Work need not necessarily be worship. At least, the government of West Bengal seems to think so. Even as one year marked by a surge in public holidays comes to an end, the wise souls in Nabanna have decided to bring good cheer to those Bengalis who wilt at the thought of having to go to work. There have been 35 official holidays in the year 2017. The year 2018 would be even sweeter for the advocates of leisure. According to an official notification, there will be a total of 37 public holidays in 2018, 21 among which have been declared as such under the Negotiable Instruments Act and the rest by the State government. Taken together with the number of Sundays, the total number of holidays for those who have a six-day work week goes up to 85. Government employees, they work one day less — for five days a week — are, perhaps unsurprisingly, being given a special treat. The number of holidays in their kitty would be 138, not counting the different kinds of leave that they are entitled to. *— In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Anonymous internet user for the past 25 yrs

London: Jonathan Hirshon, a Public Relations Professional, has managed the rather astonishing feat of staying completely anonymous online for the past 25 years. Although he is a pro at building publicity for his clients, he is dead-set against images of himself appearing online.

This is no small feat in a world of social media where major tech companies are pushing facial recognition technologies, and people are always photographing the world around them on their phones. It is easy to pop up in the background of a photo taken in a public place, but Hirshon is vigilant. He has been successful in his efforts as a google search of his name doesn't turn up a single picture of his face. Hirshon is by no means a hermit, however, as he is very active on social media. He has over 3,000 Facebook friends and frequently updates his status and profile with personal information from dinner plans to the state of his health. He regularly searches the internet for pictures that may have slipped through, but in 25 years he has only ever found two.

"Incredible" Banana of Japan

Tokyo: Fruit farmers in Okayama, Japan, have managed to make peeling a banana optional by developing a special variety with edible skin. The peel of their "Mongee Banana" is not particularly tasty, but it is considerably thinner and far less bitter than that of regular bananas, making it 100% edible. To create the incredible Mongee — which is actually Okayama slang for 'incredible – scientists at D&T Farm, in Okayama Prefecture, developed an innovative method called "Freeze Thaw Awakening" which involves recreating conditions from 20,000 years ago, at the end of the ice age, when plants would emerge from harsh winter temperatures to grow. They froze banana saplings to -60 degrees Celsius, planting them again as they began to thaw. This apparently activated an ancient part of their DNA, which not only allows the plant to thrive in Japan's cool climate, but also accelerates its development. While tropical varieties of banana require two years to grow large enough for consumption, the Mongee banana needs just four months.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

How much of the salt that I consume comes from processed foods?

The Linus Pauling Institute reports that 75% of the salt intake in America comes from processed foods. The highest sodium content in processed foods is found in canned soups, potato chips, pretzels, ham and hot dogs.

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CM to lay foundation stone for Women Entrepreneurs Park on Jan.11

Mysuru, Jan.5 - Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will lay the foundation stone for Women Entrepreneurs Park on Jan. 11 at Adakanahalli in Nanjangud Industrial Area and also inaugurate the Women Industrial Exhibition at Nanjangud Government College Grounds on the same day.

The Exhibition is being organised by District Administration and District Industries Centre in association with WISE (Women In Small Enterprise), the women's wing of Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI). Women entrepreneurs who are already in business will be exhibiting their products, said WISE President Rukmini Chandran.

She said that the government had initially sanctioned 50 acres of land and when they demanded more land, another 50 acres was granted at Adakahanalli.

JOFEST: Inter-school contests on Jan. 12

Mysuru, Jan.5 - St. Joseph's Central School, Yelwal, will be conducting JOFEST 2017-18 on Jan. 12 from 9 am to 3 pm at the school premises.

As part of the fest, the following inter-school competitions will be held: Mad Ads, Scene depiction, Short film, Collage-making, Science Model-making.

Interested schools may contact Mob: 9845887802 or 8884267799 or e-mail: *jofest2017@gmail.com*, according to a press release.

English Rhymes contest at Maharshi on Jan. 20

Mysuru, Jan.5 - Smt. M.B. Lalitha Bai Memorial Inter-School English Rhymes competition for Nursery students will be held at 9.30 am on Jan. 20 at Maharshi Public School, Vishweshwaranagar. Only five entries will be accepted from each institution. Last date for entry is Jan. 12. For details contact Principal Usha Singh on Mob:9481819112, according to a release.

Really...?

- ***The logo for Domino's Pizza has three dots because there were only three original Domino's stores in 1965. They planned to add a new dot for every new store, but the idea was dropped due to the fast growth of the franchise.***
- ***The Walt Disney logo is not based on Walt's own signature. It is, in fact, based on an employee's version of it who used to sign fan mail on Walt's behalf. The stylised version got so famous that Walt Disney had problem signing his own autographs!***

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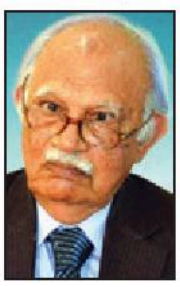
VOICE OF THE READER

Prof. Sheik Ali's article on organic farming

Sir,

Years ago, I was doing my post-graduation at Manasagangothri. Not in History though. Manasagangothri was blessed with several intellectuals and great teachers at that time. Prof. B. Sheik Ali was the Head of the Department of History at that time.



Prof. Sheik Ali

There was a talk by Prof. Sheik Ali at the Humanities Auditorium and many students and teachers gathered to listen to him. We were all thrilled and spellbound when he finished his breathtaking lecture. As a teenager, I was in awe and wished if he could continue for some more time.

His lecture was pure organic and mouth-watering. I still recollect the 'taste' of that lecture and attend public functions in town where he's invited to speak. He speaks with verve and high octane energy. His knowledgeable oratory is mesmerising.

Like me, innumerable readers of *Star of Mysore* must have been immensely happy to see the Professor's article on importance of natural farming in the 27th December issue.

Amongst our many resolutions for the New Year, an important one should be not to miss Prof. Sahib's articles in *Star of Mysore!*

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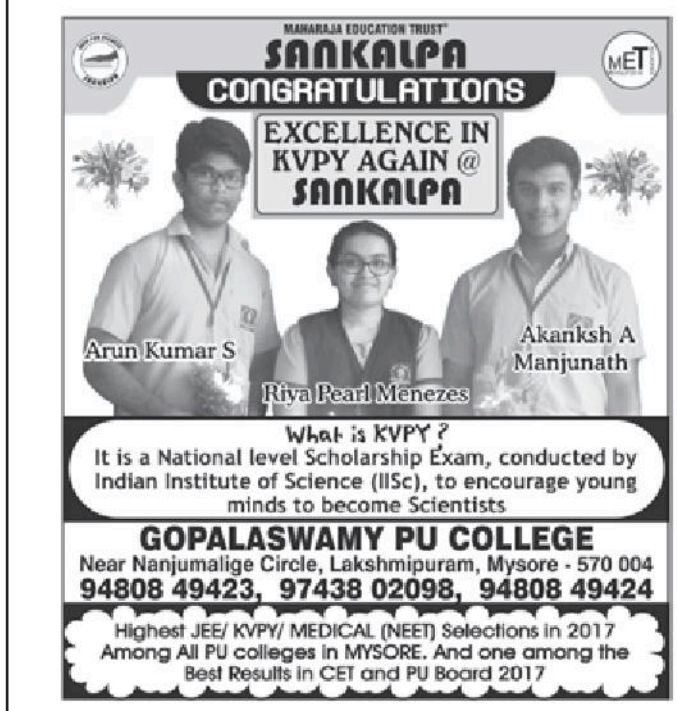
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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by G. Sudha, Associate Professor, Sri Madeswara Govt. First Grade College, Kollegal, at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on Jan.6 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or 99728-29130 or 92435-81097.

Free health camp

Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Manavatha Kendra Trust will be conducting a mega free medical camp at the Dharam Kshethra Temple Complex at Sangabasavana Doddi between Bidadi and Ramanagaram on Jan. 14 between 9 am to 3 pm. Trust will be conducting free eye-check up, dental check-up, free consultancy for joint, shoulder and knee pain, general health check-up and acupressure treatment. Interested may contact Mob: 98867-16443 or 98441-62930.

Mass marriage at Suttur on Jan.14

As part of Suttur Jatra to take place at Suttur in Nanjangud from Jan.13 to 18, a free mass marriage has been organised at Suttur on Jan. 14. Prospective brides and grooms can register before Jan. 10. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548212/122 or Mob: 94486-74702, 94490-30588.

Utsava postponed

The two-day Rani Abbakka Samskruthika Utsava, which was scheduled to take place at Maharaja College grounds in city on Jan.6 and 7, has been postponed to Jan. 10 and 11. The utsava has been rescheduled due to change in the Chief Minister's programme in city.

Objections invited

The SBM Employees House Building Co-operative Society has ceased to function in accordance with the by-laws of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act. As such, the Co-operation Department has proposed to liquidate the society, for which it has invited objections. Accordingly, the members of the society or anyone interested in running the society can file objections in writing at the office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, within 15 days. The Department will go ahead with liquidation if no objections are received within the deadline.

Bus pass for physically challenged

District Welfare Officer for Physically Challenged has stated in a press release that the process of issuance and renewal of bus passes for physically challenged has begun for 2018-19. Physically challenged people can obtain the passes before Feb. 28 on payment of Rs. 660 in cash. For more details call Ph: 0821-2490111.

BJP seeks ban on PFI, SDPI; Cong. passes buck to Centre

Deepak Rao

New Delhi/Bengaluru, Jan.5- Following the murder of Deepak Rao, a pro-Hindu organisation volunteer in Dakshina Kannada, the BJP has reiterated its demand to ban Popular Front of India (PFI) and Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI).

The Karnataka Government, however, has put the onus on the Centre asking the BJP to get the Union Government to ban PFI or any other organisation whose members are accused of disrupting communal harmony.

Home Minister Ramalinga Reddy and Food and Civil Supplies Minister U.T. Khader have said that the ban must be enforced by the Centre and it was of no use if the State Government bans such outfits.

Yesterday, BJP MPs staged a dharna in front of Mahatma Gandhi Statue inside Parliament complex in New Delhi demanding the murder case be handed over to the CBI. They also demanded an immediate ban on PFI and SDPI. MPs Prahlad Joshi, Shobha Karandlaje, Suresh Angadi, P.C. Mohan, Pratap Simha, Bhagwanth Khuba, Shivakumar Udasi, Prabhakar Kore, Basavaraj Patil Sedam participated in the dharna.

The MPs said that the two outfits were behind the killings of Hindu activists. The State has no control over law and order machinery and the attacks on the workers of the BJP and Sangh Parivar had increased, they said.

These organisations had connections with Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), a banned organisation they said and added that the office-bearers of SIMI were now the office-bearers of PFI and SDPI.

The MPs accused Chief Minister Siddharamaiah of strengthening the Congress vote bank at the expense of security by dropping cases against PFI and SDPI activists who were booked for rioting in different parts of the State.

Karnataka BJP MPs staging a protest in New Delhi yesterday.

The withdrawal of cases has resulted in a spurt of moral policing and communal activities but the government's 'secular policy' has chosen to ignore the concerns over these organisations, they alleged.

BJP is exaggerating figures, claims Home Minister

Ramalinga Reddy

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 - Though the BJP has claimed that 22 of its workers or volunteers of Sangh Parivar have been killed in Karnataka under the Congress regime, Home Minister Ramalinga Reddy has dismissed the charges as 'grossly exaggerated.'

"The BJP is exaggerating numbers of such incidents. Out of the total number of such deaths, 11 people belong to the Sangh Parivar and 6 to the PFI. The BJP, for political gains, has been claiming that 22 of its members have been killed," Ramalinga Reddy told reporters here yesterday.

Reacting to BJP's demand on banning PFI, Reddy conveniently passed the onus on to the Union Government. "The Central Government has the powers to ban any organisation that it deems fit. However, if PFI should be banned over allegations of being involved in murders of Hindu activists, should other organisations, responsible for the murder of PFI activists, also not be banned?" Reddy questioned.

Hindu organisations like Bajarang Dal and Sri Ram Sene and Muslim organisations like PFI and SDPI are crossing swords in the coastal district and spoiling peace and tranquillity. Details regarding these organisations are being collected and suitable action will be taken soon, he said.

"Political parties are responsible for patronising such communal organisations for political gain. Unfortunately, none of them were interested in re-establishing communal harmony in these districts. It is difficult for the Police to keep a watch on these organisations all the time, he said adding that Hindu and Muslim organisations are trying to settle scores even over minor provocation.

Replying to BJP's allegation that the Congress was shielding PFI activists, Reddy dismissed it as baseless. "In fact, in Savanur Gram Panchayat, the BJP and PFI joined hands to capture power and to keep Congress at bay," he recalled, claiming, "When murders take place they point fingers at each other, but join hands over certain issues."

City BJP condemns murder of Deepak Rao

Condemning the murder of BJP activist Deepak Rao at Katipalla near Surathkal, city's N.R. Constituency BJP activists led by State Backward Classes Secretary and Corporator B.M. Nataraj staged a protest near FTS Circle in city yesterday. Deputy Mayor Rathna Lakshman, Mysuru City Election in-charge M.V. Ravishankar, Henmanth Kumar Gowda, N.R. Constituency President S. Murali and others took part in the protest.

MLA's son and 27 others get bail in KHB scam

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&DM)- A City Court has granted anticipatory bail to G.D. Harishgowda, son of MLA G.T. Devegowda and 27 others including G.T. Devegowda's brother G.T. Yaduvar and KHB Engineer Sannamallapa in connection with the alleged KHB land acquisition scam.

The Third additional District and Sessions Court Judge Suddeendranath who heard the bail plea of the 28 accused on Thursday, granted conditional anticipatory bail to them.

The State Government had handed over the probe into to Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB).

The ACB which began the probe, filed an FIR against 46 persons including MLA G.T. Devegowda's son G.D. Harishgowda and G.T. Yaduvar.

They were accused of cheating the farmers in payment of compensation for the land acquired by the KHB near Gunghral Chathra in Yelwal Hobli of the taluk and surrounding areas.

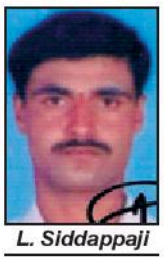
Insurance agent accused of cheating

Mysuru, Jan.5 (PM&DM)- An insurance agent of the city has been accused of cheating a policy holder, through non-payment of premium amount for the past few years.

Jayasheela, a resident of K.R. Mohalla is her complaint lodged with the K.R. Police, said that she took an insurance policy in 2012 through Susheela, an Insurance agent of Gokulam in city and paid a premium of Rs. 15,000 every year for three years. But Susheela, thereafter collected the premium amount for two years (Rs.30,000) in advance, promising to pay the premium herself. But Susheela has cheated her by not remitting the premium amount with the Insurance company as promised. Also Susheela threatened her if she complained to anyone, the complaint said. K.R. Police have registered a case in this regard.

Gallantry Medal winner gets back ex-serviceman recognition

Mysuru, Jan. 5 - A former Sepoy, who was denied the status of an ex-serviceman, has now got back the recognition after 10 years and is eligible for government jobs. He will also receive all the benefits and emoluments from the Indian Army.


L. Siddappaji

The Sepoy is **Lance Naik L. Siddappaji,** who was decorated with Sena Medal, a Gallantry Award, in 2004 and is now working as a private security guard in Mysuru after being denied of ex-serviceman status. *Star of Mysore* had published a report about Siddappaji on April 25, 2015 and the report was titled: *"Army Gallantry Award winner is not an Ex-serviceman!? Siddappaji, a Sena Medal Winner in 2004 now works as a private security guard."*

Siddappaji was attached to the 18 Maratha Light Infantry and was posted in hostile terrain of Jammu and Kashmir. On Jan. 19, 2004, terrorists struck his post and one of them opened fire at Sepoy Siddappaji and lobbed a grenade forcing Siddappaji to take cover and also engage the terrorist who was hit but kept on firing at him. Using limited cover available, Siddappaji closed in to engage the enemy and in a face-to-face combat, killed the terrorist.

For his initiative and display of exceptional courage in the face of threat to his own life, Siddappaji was awarded the Sena Medal (Gallantry) and he received it on Aug. 15, 2004. Unfortunately, even after winning the Medal, he was not covered under the definition of ex-serviceman. As such, he was not entitled to any benefits from the Army.

Any armed forces personnel, after being discharged on their own request prior to completion of initial term of engagement, are not covered under the definition of ex-servicemen with effect from July 1, 1987. If they have put in more than five years of service, the most they can access is canteen facilities.

After four years of receiving the Gallantry medal, Siddappaji sought voluntary discharge from the Army as he had to look after his ailing mother. But he was not recognised as an ex-serviceman as he did not put in the stipulated period of service to receive the defence pension. Without any alternative, he took up job as a contract private security guard to eke out a living.

Siddappaji approached the President of city-based **Vekare Ex-Servicemen Trust (VeKET) Mandetira N. Subramani** and due to the efforts of the Trust, Siddappaji is now eligible for government jobs (through the mandatory selection process where he will come under ex-servicemen reservation category) besides an enhancement in his emoluments. He was recently issued an ex-serviceman identity card and the exercise to increase monetary benefits due to him is under process.

Pedestrian killed as car hits

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&KS) - A pedestrian, who was crossing the road was killed when a Fiat car ran over him on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road near Hardinge Circle here yesterday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Venkategowda (50), a resident of Beedanahalli village in T. Narasipur taluk. He was crossing the road near Dasara Exhibition Grounds when the car (KA-09-M-5004) coming from Hardinge Circle side rammed into him at about 10 am resulting in him sustaining severe head injuries.

Though passersby rushed him to K.R. Hospital with the help of auto drivers, he was declared brought dead by the doctors.

Devaraja Traffic Police Inspector Srinivas and staff, who visited the spot, conducted mahazar, seized the car and have registered a case.

Man arrested for torching bike

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (PM&KS)- Udayagiri Police have arrested a person on charges of setting fire to a bike. He has now been remanded to judicial custody. The accused has been identified as Samiulla, a resident of Udayagiri. He had allegedly set fire to a bike belonging to Mohammed Saif, also of Udayagiri over old rivalry on Tuesday resulting in the bike being completely charred. Following a complaint by Saif, Udayagiri Police swung into action.

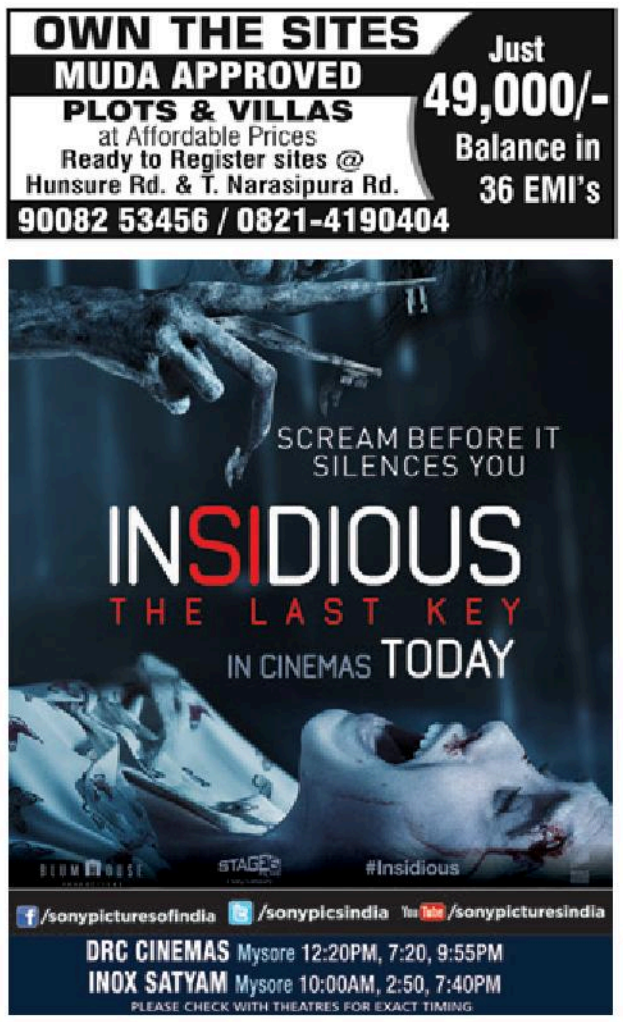
Obituary

Lily Karunakaran

Mysuru, Jan.5- Lily Karunakaran (84), retired Principal of Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, Mysuru, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her daughters, sons-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the CSI Bartholomew Church cemetery this afternoon.



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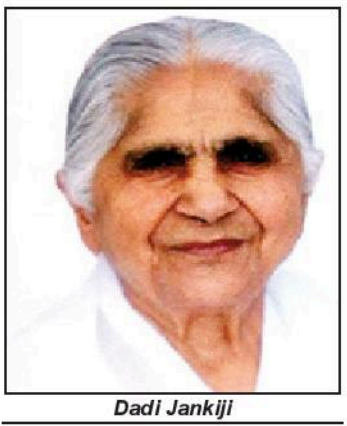
Enlightening get-together with Brahma Kumaris' Chief

'Karnataka Santa Samagama' on Jan.7

Mysuru, Jan.5 - Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru, has organised an enlightening get-together with **Rajyogini Dadi Jankiji,** Chief of Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu, at Gyan Sarovar in Lingadevarakoppal, Hunsur Road, on Jan.6 at 6.30 pm.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Srikshetra, Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, B.K. Ashaji, Director, Om Shanti Retreat Centre, Delhi and Chairperson, Administrators' Service Wing, Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu and B.K. Lakshmiji, Chief Coordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Mysuru Sub-Zone, will be present.

About Dadi Jankiji: Rajyogini Dadi Jankiji has dedicated more than 80 years of her life to the work of the Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya of which she is the Administrative Head. After serving throughout India in the years following independence, she moved to London, UK, in 1974 and from there her vision and drive saw the organisation's teachings carried into more than 100 countries. She has been based back in India



Dadi Jankiji

since August 2007, at the main headquarters in Mount Abu, Rajasthan, following the passing away of Dadi Prakashmani, the former Head.

'Karnataka Santa Samagama' on Jan.7

Another event titled 'Karnataka Santa Samagama' has been organised at Gyan Sarovar on Jan.7 by Brahma Kumaris, Mysuru Sub-Zone, in association with Suttur Mutt.

Rajyogini Dadi Jankiji will inaugurate the event at 10.30 am where discussions will be held on 'Attaining superlative culture through the power of God.'

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Sri Siddalinga Swamiji of Sri Siddaganga Srikshetra, Tumakuru, Swami Atmajnanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt will grace the occasion. B.K. Ashaji will deliver the keynote address.

B.K. Karunaji, Chairperson, Media Wing, Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu, B.K. Mruthyunjayaji, Vice-Chairperson, Education Wing, Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu and B.K. Lakshmiji will be present along with Dr. B.K. Basavaraja Rajarushi, Director, Brahma Kumaris, Hubbali Sub-Zone, B.K. Ambikaji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, V.V. Puram Sub-Zone, Bengaluru, B.K. Padmaji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, City Sub-Zone, Bengaluru, B.K. Sarojaji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Kumara Park Sub-Zone, Bengaluru, B.K. Nirmalaji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Hubbali Sub-Zone, B.K. Ambikaji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Belagavi Sub-Zone, B.K. Vijayaji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Kalaburagi Sub-Zone, B.K. Premsinghji, Director, Brahma Kumaris, Kalaburagi Sub-Zone, B.K. Radhaji Director, Brahma Kumaris, Kochi and Trissur and B.K. Somprabhaji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Solapur Sub-Zone, Maharashtra.

28th Annual Meet of Numismatic Society in city on Jan.6

Mysuru, Jan.5- The 28th Annual Conference of South Indian Numismatic Society (SINS) has been organised on Jan.6 under the aegis of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysuru at its Office Auditorium in city.

Women and Child Development Minister Umashree will inaugurate the Conference at 10.30 am. PWD and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will release the 28th Annual Journal. R.V.R. Saisravan from Chennai will preside.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, Legislative Council Deputy Chairman Marithibbegowda, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and MLA M.K. Somashekar will be the guests of honour. SINS-Chennai General Secretary Dr. A.V. Narasimha Murthy and President Dr. R. Krishnamurthy will be present.

Ambari: Two-day District Interact Conference from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.5- Ambari, the District Interact Conference - 2018 of RI District - 3181 has been organised at J.K. Grounds auditorium on Jan.6 and 7, under the aegis of Rotary Club of Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

The Cultural Evening will be inaugurated on Jan.6 at 6 pm in the presence of Kannada Cine Artiste Tabala Nani and City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao as the chief guests. Rtn. M.S. Jayaprakash, Chairman, Dist. Interact Committee, ltr. Bhoomika Priyadarshini, District Interact Representative, Rtn. P.V. Ramdas, Asst. Governor, Zone-8, Rtn. A.R. Ravindra Bhat, Asst. Governor, Zone- 7 and Rtn D.C. Chandra Kumar, Z/L Zone - 8, will be the guests of honour.

The District Interact Conference will be inaugurated at 8.30 am on Jan.7 by Rtn. M.M. Suresh Chengappa, District Governor, RI Dist. - 3181.

Rtn. Rohinat, District Governor-Elect, Rtn. Joseph Mathew, District Governor-Nominee and others will be the guests of honour.

Guests speakers on the occasion are Kannada Cine Artiste Vijaya Raghavendra *(Sadhaneya Haadi)*, International Fame Painting Artiste Vilas Nayak *(Chase Your Dreams)*, Chethan Ram, Dean, Parivarthana School, Srirangapatana *(Exam is a Festival, Celebrate)*.

'Restructure syllabi and Q paper patterns'

Central University VC inaugurates workshop for newly-recruited Assistant Professors of Kannada

Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah** (second from right), **Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Kalaburagi, is seen inaugurating the workshop on Testing and Evaluation organised by National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) at Central Institute of Indian Languages in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Jan.5- Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, called upon the Department of Higher Education and the Universities across the country to restructure the syllabi and question paper patterns avoiding clichés as there were deficiencies in the present syllabus structure.

He was speaking after inaugurating the five-day training-cum-workshop on Testing and Evaluation and Question Item Writing for the newly-recruited Assistant Professors of Kannada (by the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka) working in Government First Grade Degree Colleges across the State. The workshop was organised recently by the National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) at Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru.

While emphasising the role of B.S. Blooms Taxonomy in the teaching and testing of languages, he referred to three domains of taxonomy — Cognitive, Affective and Psychomotor and their importance in designing tasks and tests.

Citing the importance of testing and evaluation, the Vice-Chancellor said that language plays a vital role in society and it is the most valuable invention of mankind and the basis for all other inventions and discoveries.

He added that teaching and learning any other subject needs mastery over a language, only through which he or she can gain mastery of the knowledge and skill in any other subject area and that is why languages are taught from primary through tertiary level.

Prof. D.G. Rao Director, CIIL, presided. Tariq Khan, Lecture-cum-Junior Research Officer & Academic Secretary, CIIL, welcomed. Prof. P. Perumalsamy, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CIIL, proposed a vote of thanks. Prof. P. R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CIIL and Head, NTS-I, was present. Dr. R. Shakunthala coordinated the workshop.

In all, 47 Assistant Professors of Kannada from Bengaluru, Dharwad, Mangaluru and Shivamogga regions participated.

Eye donation awareness jatha on Saturday

Mysuru, Jan.5 - Rotary Mysore Brindavan has organised a Jatha (procession) in and around Brindavan Extension to create an awareness on eye donation on Jan.6 (Saturday) from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotary Brindavan and Metagalli School students along with teaching staff and Project Vision (Bangalore) will be participating in the jatha. For details, contact Mob: 98867-64542.

Nruthya Samarpana-2018 decennial celebrations

Mysuru, Jan.5- Nruthya Samarpana-2018, the decennial celebrations of Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra Trust has been organised at Kalamandira here on Jan.7.

Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, will inaugurate the programme at 4 pm. Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Founder-Director, VPAC, Mysuru, will preside. H. Channappa, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru and Dr. S.P. Umadevi, HoD of Kannada Department, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, will be the chief guests.

On the occasion, *'Somasree Award'* will be conferred on Vidu. Kripa Phadke, Founder-Director of Nruthyagiri, Mysuru and Mridanga Vidwan Hanumantharaju, Director of Saraswathi Gaanakala Shala, Mysuru.

Also, in honour and homage to the Founder-Patron of the Kalakshetra, *Karnataka Kalasree, Natyacharya* late T.N. Somashekar, 'Guru Vandana,' a Bharathanatya dance feature will be presented by the senior disciples of the Institution — Vid.Srinivas, Vidu. S. Nethra, Vidu. M. Roopa, Vidu. K. Sharika, Vidu. Pavana Shree, Vidu. K. Divya, Vidu. K. Deeksha, Keerthi and others.

'Shiva Thathva Natya Vaibhavam,' a dance ballet will be presented as part of the decennial celebrations by the disciples of Guru Vidu. Sreelakshmi Kumar, Director of the Kalakshetra.

Swachh Survekshan: Citizens can call toll free number 1969 till March 10 to give feedback

Mysuru, Jan.5 (SBD&NNN)-*Swachh Survekshan-2018,* as a prelude to encouraging cities to improve urban sanitation, began in the city from yesterday.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (now the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs), which had launched the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* on Oct. 2, 2014 (Gandhi Jayanthi day) had also as its aim to have a '*Swachh Bharat*' by 2019. In the light of this, *Swachh Survekshan* was introduced and in 2014-15 and 2015-16, Mysuru had bagged the Cleanest City Award. However, in the last survey (2016-17), the city slipped to the fifth spot and thus its dream of a hat-trick lay shattered.

Taking this setback as a challenge, the Mysuru City Corporation is trying to address the drawbacks and seeking co-operation of all the people concerned to see that it regains the top spot. In all, there are 4,000 marks for the survey. Out of this if 2,600 marks are earmarked to the City Corporation and the remaining 1,400 marks is the responsibility of citizens.

The good news is that the city already has 400 marks for successfully downloading the *Swachhata* app by the citizens. The remaining 1,000 marks have to come from the citizen's feedback. The *Swachh Survekshan* began from yesterday. If the citizens give a missed call to **toll free number 1969,** they will get a call back immediately and if they answer all the six questions posed to them, then there is no doubt that it will go a long way in helping the city get back its top spot, said MCC officials.

A meeting was held in this regard in the Council Hall of the MCC yesterday. Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, Health Officer Dr. Nagaraju, former MLC D. Madegowda, Standing Committee Chairmen K.V. Mallesh and Mahadevappa, Corporator J.S. Jagadeesh and Mysore District Journalists Association President C.K. Mahendra lauded the efforts of those working hard to see that the *Swachhata* app was downloaded successfully by the majority of the people in city.

Apart from these people a few of them belonging to various NGOs including Srihari, Nagapathi, Srinath, Venkatesh and Madhukesh were also present.

Citizens can participate in the survey in three ways: **They can give a missed call to toll free No. 1969 on their mobiles till March 10. The other option is to download 'Swachhata app' or visit** *www.swachhsurvekshan2018.org.*

'Failures have been corrected'

Last year's failures have been corrected. The target of setting up the required number of toilets has been achieved. Nearly 26,000 people have downloaded the *Swachhata* app and used it, whereas the number required was 18,000. Six ultra-modern public toilets have been built. Out of the 79 toilets built, the feedback mechanism equipment has been installed in 25 public toilets at the construction stage itself. The survey began from today and it can be checked from Jan. 11. All the documents required for the *Survekshan* is ready. The garbage collection and clearance has been going on smoothly. We are likely to get 2,600 marks for this. Another 400 marks we will get by the public using the app. The remaining 1,000 marks are in the hands of the public. We are at the final stage and I seek everyone's co-operation."

— G. Jagadeesha
MCC Commissioner

Mayor M.J. Ravikumar chairing a meeting at MCC Council Hall in city yesterday as MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, Health Officer Dr. Nagaraju, former MLC D. Madegowda and others look on.

'Testing' time: Questions, Answers and Marks

Here are the six questions for you to answer

1	Has your city participated in *Swachh Survekshan 2018* rankings? If you reply 'Yes' it is 175 marks and, there is no marks for a 'No'.
2	Is your surrounding area and your city cleaner than last time? If the answer is yes, it is very clean 175 marks, if you say it has improved significantly 135 marks, if you just say it has improved 90 marks and for little improvement 45 marks. But if the reply is nothing has improved, then it is zero marks.
3	Are the public using dustbins during the current year? If there are no complaints 150 marks, not too bad it has improved 70 marks, not much has improved 30 and no improvement zero marks.
4	Are you satisfied with the segregation of waste at homes? If you say no complaint 175 marks, condition has improved 90, no change 45 and it has failed, zero marks.
5	Has the number of public toilets gone up, open defecation come down? If yes 150, only a few toilets have come up 70, there is no change 30 and if the situation has worsened, zero marks.
6	Are the public and community toilets cleaner than last year? Yes, it is really clean 175, it has improved 135, not much has improved 90, there is no change 45 and it is very dirty, zero marks.

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Swachh Survekshan 2018

We are likely to slip again...!

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SBD&NNN)-A few of the unscientific data about *Swachh Survekashan 2018* has come to light and people are anxious as to whether it could make a difference to Mysuru again.

Last year, Mysuru had slipped to the fifth spot. In spite of this, its performance was better than the other cities like Indore, Bhopal, Visakhapatnam and Surat, which were ranked higher than us. They got a higher rank because of the targets they had met in one or two points.

However, it was Mysuru, which had reached all the targets and only because of one or two failures, it lost the top spot. But a lot of confusion still remains. Is the city going to be deprived again, is the question facing everyone.

Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner G. Jagadeesha pointed out the lacunae regarding the rankings published while downloading the Swachhata app at the meeting held yesterday at the Council Hall.

27,000 people have downloaded the app in the Corporation limits and many of them are using it actively. Out of this, only 18,000 complaints have been recorded and checked, they said.

However, in just ten apps downloaded, four are active and in that, 70,000 complaints have been registered and out of the usage of 156 apps more than 1.50 lakh complaints have been registered is what has been announced in the ranking.

According to the rules, only five complaints can be made on one app in a day. Hence, it is not possible to register thousands of complaints in four apps. One could download the app between April and December and register the complaints. However, even after the deadline, the facility is continuing. And, there is no clarity on this issue. "We registered a complaint with the Swachh Bharat Mission and received a reply saying that they would immediately rectify it. If they do not do it, we will write to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs again," said Jagadeesha.

BSNL causing problems

Toll free no. 1969 meant for the citizens to give a missed call to participate in the *Swachh Survekshan 2018* is causing problems. The BSNL users and even other service provider users are complaining that when they give a missed call, even after three or four minutes they do not get a reply. "We have written to the BSNL asking them to rectify the problem," said Mayor Ravikumar.

Central Team to visit city

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Once the team arrives, the MCC will lead the inspection drive and the QCI team will be split into four teams that will also comprise MCC officials. These sub-teams will individually visit waste segregation plants in Mysuru, vegetable and meat markets, ring road surroundings and one team will exclusively look into the cleanliness aspects of city centre and the residential areas.

Along with the collection of data on waste collection from the source, segregation and disposal, the team will survey the ring road and surrounding villages that come under Gram Panchayats to assess their role in Mysuru maintaining its cleanliness, Jagadeesha added.

Explaining other measures, the MCC Commissioner said that both regular and contract Pourakarmikas are working overtime to ensure that the city is clean. "Normally, a Pourakarmika starts cleaning work by 5 am every day and wind up by 11.30 am. We are now extending their work by another two to three hours and are providing them with free lunch and even money as overtime. We have divided Pourakarmikas into teams and there are exclusive groups to clean roads. We also have hired workers from the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board to add to the number of Pourakarmikas," he explained.

Hopes hinge on new UGC Chairman

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The UGC Chairman was also given a full picture of the excellent infrastructure of the Open University. Sources said that the outcome of the meeting will be presented before the KSOU Academic Council meeting to be held on Jan. 9 and the Board of Management meeting on Jan. 10 along with the opinions of legal experts.

In New Delhi, Prof. D. Shivalingaiah also met Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers H.N. Ananthkumar and Minister of State for Human Resources Development Satyapal Singh and sources said that both the Ministers telephoned the UGC Chairman and requested him to end the stalemate at the earliest.

On his way back today, the KSOU VC will meet the Secretary to the Government, Department of Higher Education Jawaid Akhtar in Bengaluru and apprise him on the meeting with the UGC Chairman and chalk out the future course of action.

Louis Braille award presented to journalist L. Subramani

Vikala Vikaasa Trust Managing Trustee S.S. Vydhyanath and UoM in-charge VC Prof. C. Basavaraju presenting 'Vikala Vikasa Louis Braille' award to journalist L. Subramani as Trust Chairman R. Muniraju, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, journalist T.R. Satish Kumar and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (KS)- Vikala Vikaasa, an organisation working for the differently-abled, as part of World Braille Day, presented Vikala Vikasa Louis Braille Award to journalist L. Subramani of Deccan Herald at a programme organised at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday.

University of Mysore (UoM) In-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. C. Basavaraju, speaking after presenting the award, said that specially-abled persons were more knowledgeable and have good grasping power than normal persons and said that they should be given special respect.

Prof. Basavaraju said that UoM, in a bid to encourage visually challenged students to pursue higher education, BA and B. Sc textbooks were being produced in Braille besides giving them at discount rates.

He also said that the University was planning to provide concession in admission fees for specially-abled students, who are seeking admission to UG and PG courses besides stating that a proposal in this regard would be placed in the University's next Academic Council Meeting.

Hope for Men with Azoospermia!

The general perception is that if the man produces semen it always contains sperms. This is not true. Unfortunately a number of men coming to Gunasheela Fertility Centre even refuse a semen test with this assumption. There are instances where the man is able to produce semen but it does not contain any sperms. Azoospermia is a condition where there are no sperms in the ejaculated semen. There are two types - Obstructive Azoospermia and Non-Obstructive Azoospermia.

In Obstructive Azoospermia there will be normal sperm production in the testis but there is obstruction to the flow of sperms at various levels.

Dr. Devika Gunasheela

The blockage could be anywhere between the testis and the urethra (urine passage). Infection, injury or surgery (for hernia or hydrocele) of the genital tract may result in this condition. As a result there will be no sperms in the ejaculated semen. The blockage can be bypassed by surgery or sperms obtained using a fine needle directly from the testis. Sperms are retrieved in almost 100% of patients. These sperms can then be used for injecting the wife's eggs in a procedure called IVF –ICSI.

In Non-Obstructive Azoospermia there is a problem with production of sperms in the testis. The exact cause is not known in most of the cases but Radiation, Chemotherapy, Mumps infection in childhood, Hormonal deficiencies may result in this condition. A new procedure known as Micro dissection Testicular Sperm Extraction (Micro – TESE) is used to retrieve sperms so that these men can have their own biologic child. Using Micro-TESE sperms can be obtained in upto 60% of these patients.

The sperms obtained by either technique are used in a procedure called IVF-ICSI (test-tube baby). The pregnancy rate from this technique is similar to that achieved in IVF-ICSI using normally ejaculated sperms. Many patients have been treated this way successfully and we have had the first baby in the state with the Micro-TESE surgical procedure. Contact: Gunasheela Reproductive Centre, Kuvempunagar, Mysore. Contact: 0821 – 2343585 / 0821 – 2343385. Bangalore Centre: 080-41312600 / 080-26673585.

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ISKCON's Ratha Yatra tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) is organising the 20th annual grand Ratha Yatra Festival tomorrow (Jan.6). The inaugural function will be held at the Palace Anjaneyaswamy temple at 4.30 pm in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji along with former MLC G. Madhusudhan as the chief guest. The ceremonies will be presided over Madhu Pandit Dasa, President, ISKCON Society and Chairman of The Akshaya Patra Foundation.

The colourful festival will begin from the Palace Anjaneya Temple at 5.30 pm and proceed through Gandhi Square, Sayyaji Rao Road, Small Clock Tower, Devaraja Urs Road, Narayana Shastri Road, Ramaswamy Circle, JLB Road, RTO Circle, Ballal Circle, New Kantharaja Urs Road, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road and conclude at ISKCON temple on 18th Cross, Jayanagar.

The Ratha Yatra will be accompanied by procession of various cultural troupes. These will include chanting of Vedic mantras by students from Sanskrit College, Sankirtana by ISKCON devotees, 35-feet high Ratha carrying the deities of Sri Krishna-Balarama and Prasadam distribution in leaf cups to over 30,000 people.

Significance of Ratha Yatra

Man has been relentlessly striving to achieve peace and happiness on the basis of universal brotherhood. Great Philosophers, Thinkers, politicians, and leaders have all tried to steer humanity toward a happy, peaceful, and problem free world. In spite of their sincere efforts, we are facing a situation filled with hatred, animosity and calamities. The ancient Vedic scriptures point out the basic fallacy in our attempts. To achieve universal brotherhood, we must first accept a universal father. Without a common father, how can there be brotherhood?

Annual Feast at Infant Jesus Cathedral

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The Annual Feast of the Infant Jesus Cathedral on Hunsur Road will be celebrated from Jan 6 to 14. Msgr. George Alukka, Vicar General, Diocese of Mandya, will hoist the flag at 6.30 pm on Saturday, followed by the Holy Mass and Novena. Fr. Joseph Thekkekarott MST will be the main celebrant for the Holy Mass and Novena at 8 am on Sunday.

There will be Holy Mass and Novena at 6.30 pm everyday from Jan. 8 to 12. Fr. Saji Pariyappanal, Finance Officer, Diocese of Mandya, will celebrate the Holy Mass and Novena at 6.30 pm on Jan.13 followed by the Eucharistic Procession.

On Jan. 14, the Main Feast Day, there will be Holy Mass at 7 am. Rt. Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, the Bishop of Mandya will be the Main celebrant for the Solemn High Mass in Malayalam at 10.30 am. There will be mass feeding at 12.30 pm. Rt. Rev. Dr. K. A. William, the Bishop of Mysore, will celebrate the Solemn High Mass in Kannada at 4.30 pm followed by the grand candle light procession in honour of Infant Jesus in colourful chariot with bandset and shinkarimela to the Ring Road Junction, Hinkal. Shinkarmela performance and fireworks display will be held at 7.30 pm. Malayalam drama *"Kudumbanadhante Shradhakki"* will be staged at 8 pm.

CM likely to go for a please-all budget for Govt. employees

Salary hikes, raising retirement age from 60 years to 62 years are among sops

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 - The Karnataka Budget for the ensuing financial year, with elections to the Assembly (2018) and Lok Sabha (2019) round the corner, might bear a striking resemblance to that of the last year where large-scale sops were announced.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, is likely to please all sections of society, especially the State Government employees.

The CM will present the last budget of his government and it will be his 13th budget on Feb. 16 where he is expected to take a cue from populist schemes in other States and other governments like in Tamil Nadu and Delhi.

Siddharamaiah is expected to announce salary hikes for State government employees and also increase their retirement age from the present 60 years to 62 years, benefiting thousands of employees who are on the verge of retirement.

Sources from the Government Employees Association said that the pay hike and the raise in the retirement age will be implemented as the CM treats the employees as 'Ambassadors of the Government' and does not want to miss out on their votes.

Sources said that if not a direct announcement of pay hikes, the CM will surely announce the constitution of 'Official Pay Committee' to revise salaries. Sometime back, Siddharamaiah had said that the proposed Pay Committee would examine the remuneration of the employees of Union Government and of employees of other State Governments before presenting its recommendations to the State Government.

Based on its recommendations, the salaries and benefits offered to State Government employees would be revised. More than 5.90 lakh employees will benefit from this. The Committee would be asked to submit its recommendations at the earliest, he had said.

Govt. had given Rs. 3,000 cr. for Mysuru City, District: Dr. Mahadevappa

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (PM&DM)- Claiming that the Congress Government has sanctioned Rs. 3,000 crore for infrastructure improvement and other developmental works in the city and district over the past 5 years, PWD and District in-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa has hoped that Congress would return to power in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Speaking to press persons at Government Guest House in Nazarbad this morning, Dr. Mahadevappa said that the State Cabinet meeting held on Jan.2 has decided to distribute title deed to 245 betel leaf growers at Sewage Farm in the city.

He also said that the PWD has sanctioned Rs. 10 crore for carrying out *'Swachhata Abhiyan'* in Ashokapuram and surrounding areas.

Replying to a question on his reported decision to contest from C.V. Raman Nagar constituency in Bengaluru, Dr. Mahadevappa maintained that he had no such plans for now.

Answering another query on his son Sunil Bose's probable candidature from T. Narasipur Assembly segment, he merely said that it is left to the party High Command to issue the Congress ticket to his son.

Nanjangud MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy was present at the press meet.

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A Classical Dance Extravaganza

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, during their monthly endowment series, had organised Bharatanatyam by three senior disciples of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy at Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, last month. The trio, **Vidu. Sowmya Govind Naidu** from Qatar, **Dr Lakshmi Rekha** and **Vidu. Maithreyee** from Bengaluru, presented Bharatanatyam in Vasundhara Bani.

They commenced with Melaprapthi set to ragamalika, taala roopaka, Rntered the stage with lightening speed depicting Shudha Nritta followed by Nritayanjali in Madhurashtaka Chaturash Raga Malika, taala aadi continued with Andaal Koutuvam Sriranjani raga, taala aadi. While presenting Keerthana of Sri Vasudevacharya set to Mohana raga taala aadi "Raa raa rajeeva Lochana Rama," Dr. Lakshmi Rekha as Rama, Vid. Maithreyee as Sita, neatly showcased the Sitakalyana depicting with Saatvika Abhinaya.

The center-piece of the evening Padavarna of legendary Subbudu in Valachi raga taala aadi, "Anname." This Varna was performed by Vidu. Sowmya, here Lord Muruga goes behind Valli, the daughter of a Tribal Chief making his concert Devayani to suffer with Viraha. Devayani calls her Sakhi (friend) and says 'Come my dear, I will tell you a secret.' She says "Valli must have used witchcraft or she must have mixed something in the milk and made him stay with her, let him come back I will teach him a lesson." Here Sowmya proved her metal while performing Nrita akin to perfect Jatis by her guru Dr. Vasundhara. Her Abhinaya, Sanchari and Nritya were of highest order and maintained her Angashuddhi. She kept the audience mesmerised.

During the second half of the programme, the popular kriti of Saint Vyaasa raaya "Krishna nee begane baaro," mishra chaapu Tala, Raga yaman kalyani was beautifully presented by Vidu. Sowmya. In this, she perfectly depicted Lord Krishna eating clay and unfolding the universe by opening his mouth to his mother Yashoda. The entire episode was full of Sanchaaris and Vatsalya bhaava.

The classical dance extravaganza by trio enthralled the connoisseur of dance.

The concluding tillana by the trio in Sumanesha Ranjani set to aadi taala was filled with sculpture poses, in between using Yoga Asanas kept the audience spell-bound. The concluding mangalam is rare choreography in Revathi offering gratitude to mother Earth, Sky, Wind, Water, Sun, Moon, Vegetation Guru and the audience. The accompanying artistes who artistically is to be complemented are **Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy** with rare choreography and natuvanga assisted by **Vidu. Deepthi Adhishesh,** soulful singing by **Vid. Nandakumar Unnikrishnan** from Kerala, **Vid. Hanumantha Raju** on perfect mridanga and pleasing flute by **Rakesh Sudhir** added beauty and grace to the performance.

—Gemini

'Nrithyothsava' dance fest held

Natyacharya M. Vishnudas Memorial three-day Dance Festival (Nrithyothsava) was organised by Bharatiya Nritya Kala Parishath recently. The performers at the Fest are seen with Vidu. Dr. Kumudini Achchi (Secretary, Bharatiya Nrithya Kala Parishath), Vidu. Chandramathi, Vid. Naveen, Sri K.V. Murthy (industrialist and art patron) and Vidu. Mithra.

Nadavidyalaya's musical concert

Mysuru, Jan.5- Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music & Dance has been successfully providing the platform for the upcoming budding artistes in the field of music through the monthly concerts.

In accordance with this, the eight monthly musical concert was held on Dec.24 at the Academy premises where **Sinchana Sandeep** and **Moulya Venkatesh,** senior disciples of guru Vid. M.S. Naveen, presented the 'Maarga Sangeetha.' They were accompanied by **Vid. Dasappa** on mridanga and **Vid. Chetan** on violin.

Moulya Venkatesh, the daughter of Dr. T. Venkatesh and Anitha K. Pand, is currently pursuing her 2nd PU in Marimalappa's College, Mysuru. Sinchana Sandeep, wife of Sandeep, is working as a Sanskrit faculty at Adichunchanagiri School.

The duo began the musical evening with the Atta Taala Varna "Veeriboni" in Bhairavi raga which is the composition of Pachimeeri Adi Appaiyer. It was then followed by invocation of Vighnanivaraka Lord Ganapati's kruti "Vaatapi" in Hamsadhwani raga set to Aditala composed by Muthuswami Dikshitar wherein the ragaalapane and kalpanaswara was beautifully done by Moulya.

Sinchana praised the Goddess Saraswathi who is the Goddess of art, knowledge, music, wisdom and learning through Saint Kanakadasa's kruti "Varavakodu yenage vagdevi" in Tillang raga and Aditaala. It was then followed by the vilambakala kruti "Marubalka" in raga Shriranjani set to Aditaala a composition of saint Tyagaraja.

Saint Tyagaraja's compositions are mainly devotional or philosophical in nature. His devotion towards Lord Rama is reflected in his compositions, musings, narratives or messages to the society. One of his rear gem compositions is "Vasudevayani," a praising of Lord Vishnu which was devotionally sung by the duo in Mechu kalyani raga set to Aditaala wherein the ragaalapane and kalpanaswara were by Sinchana.

One of the profound compositions of Mysore Vasudevacharya is the vilambakaala kruti - "Ra ra rajivalochana" on Lord Rama which was wonderfully rendered by the duo. It was then proceeded by the kruti "Shrimannarayana" which enthralled the audience by the bhakti filled in it and was sung in Bhouli raga and Aditaala, a composition of Annamacharya.

The duo then continued the concert with the javali "Virahataapa" in Desh raga set to Mishrachapu taala a composition of Narahari Achar. It was then followed by the rhythmic piece of music - Tillana, a splendid composition of King Swatitirunal in raga Dhanashri set to Aditaala.

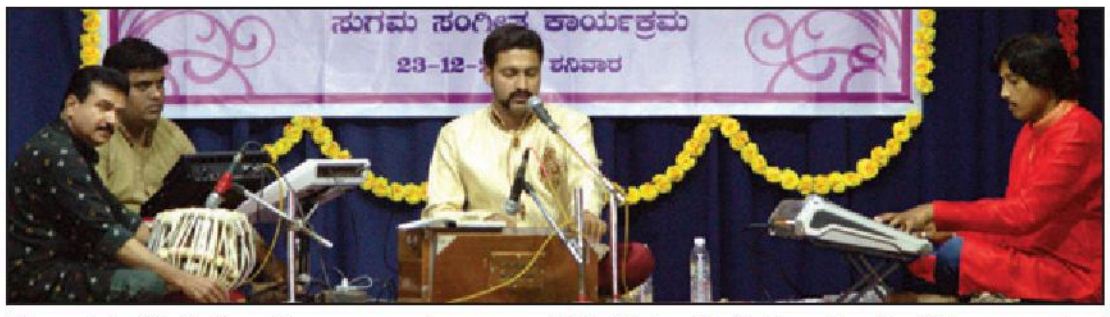
The music concert was concluded by the mangalam in Kalyani raga and Trishra Ejka taala a composition of Bhadrachala Ramadaasa which ended the concert auspiciously.

Moulya and Sinchana enthralled the rasikas who witnessed the *Naadasanje* with their soulful voices in their renditions.

These monthly chamber concerts are a stepping stone to many of the enthusiastic talents like Moulya and Sinchana in the field of music to showcase their talents and Nadavidyalaya has been providing great opportunities in dance and music fields for such emerging artistes.

—Sahana Patil

Gaana Lahari, a tribute to art critic



'Gaana Lahari,' a light music programme in memory of S.R. Krishna Murthy (popular art critic) was organised at Vasudevacharya Bhavana on JLB Road in city by Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust, Mysuru, on the art critic's fourth death anniversary on Dec.23. Sriharsha of SaReGaMaPa-fame performed on the occasion. He was supported by Shanmuga Sajja on keyboard, Indu Shekar on tabla and Vinay Rangadhol on rhythm pad. K.V. Murthy, President, Sugama Sangeetha Academy, H.R. Leelavathi, Founder, Modamani, Trustee, Group Captain C.K. Vinay, son of S.R. Krishnamurthy, were among a hall-full of audience present on the occasion.

Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tourney

Sumanth shines in NCC's win

Mysuru, Jan. 5- An inspiring spell of fast bowling by S.S. Sumanth (five for four), helped National CC (NCC) to bowl out their rivals City Cricketers (Mandya) for a paltry 63 in 10.1 overs, in reply to their team's total of 203 in 42 overs, and registered a big 140-run win, in the second round tie of KSCA Mysore Zone's Sri Gopalaswami Memorial cricket tournament, played at SDNR Wadiyar grounds here on Thursday.

Scores: National CC 203 in 42 overs (Dhanush 56, Thushar Harikrishnakumar 32, Manu 3 for 48, Sachin Kumar 3 for 10) bt City Cricketers (Mandya) 63 in 10.1 overs (S.S.Sumanth 5 for 4, Amruth Waka 2 for 5).

MDFA 'B' Division Football

Shashwath excels for Royal FC

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Four strikes by right-out Shashwath (including a hat-trick), enabled Royal FC to register a big 8-1 win over Citizen FC in their Group 'B' tie of the MDFA 'B' Division football tournament 2017-18 for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy at the University grounds here on Thursday.

In the earlier tie played on Wednesday, four goals by left-out Abid Pasha (including a hat-trick), and a hat-trick by centre-forward wooden, enabled Soniya FC to register a big 11-0 win over Youngmen's FC.

In the match played on Tuesday, a brace by left-in Mithun helped Lion FC to register a 2-1 win over Spirited Youth FC in their Group 'B' tie.

RESULTS

Thursday's Match: Royal FC 8 (Pavan 5, Abhishek 23, Shashwath 31, 39, 43, 67, Manohar 58, Pradeep 64) bt Citizen FC 1 (Bharghav 44).

Wednesday's Match: Soniya FC 11 (Abid Pasha 2, 3, 10,11, Pema 36, Aimen 39, Fazal 53, Wooden 52, 62, 66, Fahad 68) bt Youngmen's FC 0). **Tuesday's match:** Lion FC 2 (Mithun 5, 52) bt Spirited Youth FC 1 (Tenzian Thasi 55).

South-Zone Inter-University Cricket

10-wicket win for University of Mysore

Vaizag, Jan. 5- University of Mysore, helped by some good batting by openers Kishan S. Bedare (63 n.o, 7x4) and M. Varun (56 n.o, 11x4), registered a facile ten-wicket win over Ambedkar University and entered the second round in the South Zone Inter-University cricket tournament 2017-18, organised by Raghu Engineering College and Andhra University at Vaizag on Wednesday.

SCORES: Ambedkar University 132 for seven in 25 overs (Vishal Sunder 49, Hari 26, K.M. Sharath two for 19) lost to University of Mysore 133 for no loss in 13.4 overs (Kishan Bedare 63 n.o, M. Varun 56 n.o.).

Excels in Chess

M.S. Karthik of Vishwaprajna Educational Institutions, who has secured the second place in the chess competition conducted by CISPMAM, is seen with Head Master P. V. Devarayamallya.

Third SMN Memorial Women's Basketball League

Rajitha stars for DYES (Mysore)

Bengaluru, Jan. 5- Rajitha scored 17 points and helped DYES (Mysore) to score a 38-25 win over Vimanapura SC, in the third State SMN Memorial Women's Basketball League for the Mathru Cup at Sree Kanteerava Stadium Courts here on Thursday. This is the Mysuru team's second successive win in the tourney.

RESULTS

Thursday's match: DYES (Mysore) 38 (Ranjitha 17) bt Vimanapura SC 25 (Dhatri).

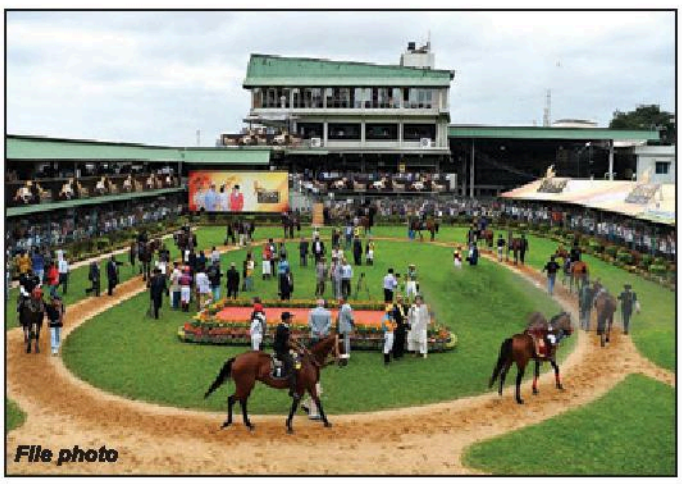
Wednesday's match: DYES, Mysore 47 (Ranjitha 21) bt DYES, Vijayapura 31 (Pavitha 13), DYES, Mandya 39 bt Vimanapura SC 27.

National-level Wrestling Tournament at Suttur on Jan. 17

Mysuru, Jan. 5 - Karnataka Kusthi Federation will be conducting the 38th National-level Wrestling Tournament as part of Suttur Jathra on Jan. 17 at Suttur Srikshetra. A total of 48 pairs of wrestlers will fight against each other in the tournament which will witness wrestlers who have gained recognition in State, National and International levels. Addressing presspersons recently, Federation President Prof. K.R. Rangaiah said that titles such as *'Suttur Kesari'* and *'Suttur Kumara'* will be awarded to winners in respective categories.

Prior to this, senior advocate and former MLA H. Gangadharan released the posters of the wrestling tournament at Suttur Mutt premises in city. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary Manjunath Swamy, Shivakumaraswamy, Ravi Kumar, Prahalad and Kempegowda were present.

Racing to return to Bangalore Turf Club after a 4-month hiatus



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Bengaluru, Jan. 5 - Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has finally approved the Monitoring Committee to oversee racing activities at the Bangalore Turf Club (BTC), paving the way for the sport to resume from today. The Committee was formed on instructions by the High Court after BTC and various parties sought the legal route following non-renewal of racing licence.

Former Chief Secretary B.K. Das has been named the Chairman of the Monitoring Committee that will have M.R. Kamble, T. Jayaprakash, A.B. Shamshuddin and two Stewards of the BTC as members. The Committee, to be called Racing Monitoring Committee (RMC), will oversee racing and other activities for the next two seasons or till BTC's writ petition against the government stance is disposed of by the High Court, whichever is earlier.

Racing activities in Bengaluru had come to a complete standstill since the expiry of BTC's licence on Aug. 31. Since then the BTC and the government have been at loggerheads over the issue with the latter demanding 50 membership seats in the Club. BTC refused to yield and approached the Court which instructed the government to form a Committee to oversee racing activities.

"We are extremely delighted to have been granted permission to run racing activities," BTC Chairman Harimohan Naidu said. "We've been waiting for this day for the last four-and-a-half months. So many people's livelihood had been affected due to lack of races and we are glad that racing can go ahead now. Despite the future being unclear we had the prospectus and calendar ready. We can't wait to conduct business," he said.

Racing will kick off with off-course betting for Mysore Races today (Friday). BTC will hold the Winter Season's first meeting on Jan. 6 (tomorrow) with the feature event being *The New Year Cup.* In all, BTC will be conducting 15 racing days for the season with the marquee *Bangalore Derby* scheduled for Feb. 10 or Feb. 11. "The Derby as of now is scheduled for Feb. 10 which is a Saturday. But we want to stage our Blue Riband meeting on a Sunday. I have held a meeting with Mumbai racing authorities and requested them to conduct racing on Saturday so we can hold the Derby on Sunday," Harimohan Naidu added.

IIFL Wealth 3rd Mumbai International Chess

City's Girish held by Manush Shah

Mumbai, Jan. 5 - Mysuru lad IM Girish A. Koushik was held to a draw by Manush Shah in the fifth round of IIFL Wealth 3rd Mumbai International Chess tournament being held at Mount Litera School, Bandra (E), Mumbai from Dec. 30 to Jan. 7.

Girish Koushik, after five rounds, has secured 3.5 points and is placed 66th in the rankings. In the first round, he scored a good win over P. Bala Kannamma. In the second round, he suffered a loss to WIM Srija Seshadri. In the third round, Girish beat Patil Harshlal and in the fourth round beat Jeeth Atharva.

GM Deepan Chakravarthy leads with 5 points from five rounds. He is followed by GM David Alberto (ItA), GM Tukhaev Aden (Ukr), FM V.S. Rathanvel and GM Rozum Ivan (Rus) with 4.5 points and are placed from second to fifth in the rankings.

CM distributes laptops to students

Bengaluru, Jan.5 (KMS&NNN)- Knowledge and talent are nobody's personal property, it is inborn. The aim of the government is to see that students go on to become good citizens and with this idea laptops are being distributed to students pursuing higher education, said Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

He was speaking after distributing free laptops to SC/ST students doing degree and diploma courses belonging to the 2016-17 batch at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha on Jan.3 and asked the students using laptops try to gain better knowledge and skills.

A child's talent surfaces depending on the environment in which it grows. If poor children are given good facilities and a high standard of education then it is possible for them to shine too. Hence, the government has been providing all kinds of free facilities to students studying in aided schools, he said.

Higher Education is available freely to just one section of the society. It should be available to others too, is the aim of the government. Hence, in this academic year itself all those pursuing higher education will get laptops, he said.

"In order to facilitate poor students, we had announced distribution of laptops in the Budget," he said and explained the features in the laptop and advised them to use it to score more marks. A decision has been taken to give laptops to Backward Classes and general category students too. Under this scheme those families earning less than Rs. 2.50 lakh a year will be provided free laptops, he said.

Those students who have passed PUC and joined degree courses and others who are pursuing diploma and engineering courses will get laptops. Nearly 31,742 students belonging to SC, ST category and those belonging to Backward Classes and general category numbering 1,82,000 will be given laptops. These laptops contain education-related software and other information.

Higher Education Minister Basavaraja Rayareddy said that the distribution of laptops should have happened much earlier. However, since the Opposition parties tried to bring in politics, it was delayed. "We have already announced that 1.5 lakh laptops will be distributed to all categories of students," he said.

The market rate of laptops is Rs.21,000. However, the same quality laptops each costing Rs.14,500 was procured at a total cost of Rs.45.99 crore. This shows that ours is pro-student government, he claimed.

CM Siddharamaiah distributing a laptop to a student at Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, in Bengaluru as other Ministers look on.

CM's photo on laptop

Bengaluru, Jan.5- A sticker with huge photograph of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is pasted on each laptop. There is a small logo of the State Government and the photo of the Higher Education Department. However, the top portion of the laptop is filled with the CM's photo. This is a government project and crores of rupees from the treasury is being spent on the distribution of laptops. How right is it for the CM to project himself so blatantly is the question doing the rounds.

BPL cards distributed to 15 lakh families: Minister

Bengaluru, Jan.5 (KMS&DM)- With the Assembly polls nearing, the State Government has distributed BPL cards to nearly 15 lakh families.

Addressing a press conference here on Jan.3, Food & Civil Supplies Minister U.T. Khader said that Aadhaar seeding of ration cards had led to cancellation of around 8.5 lakh bogus cards.

Stating that each Fair Price Shop (FPS) used to have 60 to 70 extra cards which have been removed from the system following Aadhaar seeding, Khader said. The installation of Biometric Point of Sale (POS) machines — which ensures that food reaches beneficiaries — is complete in 80 percent of the Fair Price Shops in the State.

Pointing out that as per the department data, POS machines have been installed in 16,832 of the 20,335 shops in the state, the Minister said that in the remainder of the shops, POS machines will be installed under Common Service Centres (CSC) scheme, an initiative of the Central Government.

U.T. Khader

Under CSC, a private agency will be allowed to install Biometric POS devices and provide broadband connectivity to the devices, he added.

Maintaining that all FPS will have internet-connected POS devices within a year or year-and-a-half, Khader said all FPS will be upgraded to 'Seva Sindhu Kendras', which can then be used by the people to book online tickets or for other online purposes.

The Minister said applications for Anila Bhagya scheme will be available from Jan.16 and 1.5 lakh of them will be eligible under the first phase of the scheme. The 1.5 lakh LPG cylinder and gas stove connections will be distributed among 224 constituencies, following which the local MLAs will distribute them in their constituencies, he added.

Deadline for Akrama-Sakrama extended

Bengaluru, Jan.5- Revenue Minister Kagodu Thimmappa has said that the deadline for submitting applications for Akrama-Sakrama (regularisation) has been further extended to Feb.26.

Kagodu Thimmappa

Thimmappa recently said that the bureaucracy is not responding to the Government's Akrama-Sakrama scheme aimed at regularisation of houses constructed on Government land.

Considering that the Revenue Authorities have not followed the Government direction on Akrama-Sakrama in letter and spirit, it was decided that the deadline should be extended to Feb.26, he said.

Regretting that elected representatives were not taking any interest in creating awareness among the people about the scheme, Thimmappa said that he would appeal to members to play an active role in the process.

Despite all efforts, only about two lakh applications have been cleared so far and another five lakh applications are pending.

"Serious action will be initiated against Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) and Village Accountants (VAs) for failure to implement the Government's ambitious initiative of providing shelter to all," he warned.

Noting that more than three lakh people in Karnataka, especially in Uttara Kannada, Dharwad and Belagavi districts have not filed applications seeking occupancy rights under the Inams Abolition Act, the Minister said that the Government has decided to amend the Act in order to provide them an opportunity to claim occupancy rights. To facilitate the beneficiaries, 14 Sections under the Act need to be amended, he added.

He expressed regret at the fact that elected representatives over the years had failed to take the benefits of the Land Reforms Act and Inams Abolition Act to the poor and the landless.

To a query on the status of newly-formed taluks in the State, Thimmappa said that 50 new taluks would become functional by the end of the month.

Attributing the delay to lack of administrative preparation in five taluks, he said the Government will be releasing Rs. 5 crore for setting up Taluk Office and other infrastructure and of the 160 Tahsildars, who are undergoing training, 50 will take charge in the new taluks.

Cow slaughter ban: Ramachandrapura Mutt receives 1 crore petitions, claims Seer

Mysuru, Jan.5(YDS&DM)- Ramachandrapura Mutt has received over 1 crore petitions from across the State seeking a ban on cow slaughter.

Addressing the 'Samarpana' programme organised by Bharatiya Go Parivar at Vivekananda Circle on Jan.3, Ramachandrapura Mutt Seer Raghaveshwara Bharathi Swamiji said cow urine has medicinal properties that can treat several heart ailments.

Strongly condemning cow slaughter, the Seer said cow slaughter is most inhuman act, as cow is considered as a sacred animal. Maintaining that over 50 seers belonging to different Mutts were ready to sign petitions in blood, he said his mission was to make the country free of cow slaughter.

Stating that the petitions received seeking cow slaughter ban will be sent to union and State Governments, he appealed the people to be prepared for launching a movement if Governments reject the petitions.

Noting that over 50,000 such petitions have been received in Mysuru district alone, he called upon Go Parivar to continue receiving petitions and relentlessly fight till a complete ban on cow slaughter is enforced.

Melukote Ilai Alwar Swamiji said that the cow is like a mother to all of us and as such, everyone should support Raghaveshwara Swamiji's endeavour to put an end to cow slaughter.

A pledge saving cows was taken at the programme. Earlier, the cow slaughter ban petitions titled 'Abhayakshara' were brought in a grand procession from Dr. K. Hedgewar Circle in Kuvempunagar to Vivekananda Circle.

Hosamutt Seer Chidananda Swamiji, Tripura Bhairavi Mutt Seer Krishna Mohananda Giri Swamiji, Neelakanta Mutt Seer Siddamalla Swamiji, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, BJP leaders Mallappa Gowda, H.V. Rajiv, Naveen Kumar, Srivatsa, Phaneesh, M.K. Prem Kumar, Rakesh Bhat, Vikram Iyengar and others were present.

Kodagu ZP CEO takes charge

Madikeri, Jan.5- Prashanth Kumar Mishra took charge as the Kodagu Zilla Panchayat CEO. He had earlier served as Probationary Officer in Raichur and later as the Assistant Commissioner of Hospet.

Prashanth Kumar Mishra

Guest Lecturers threaten to intensify stir

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (PM&DM)- As part of the Statewide protest, Guest Lecturers under the banner of Government First Grade College Guest Lecturers Association, staged a demonstration in front of the Office of the District in-charge Minister in CADA premises here yesterday.

The Guest Lecturers are urging the Government for job security and fulfilment of other demands. Addressing the protestors, Association President K. Somashekar said that many protests and representations to the authorities seeking job security and fulfilment of their other just demands, have yielded little result.

The Chief Minister had promised constitution of a Committee to look into the demands and it is unfortunate that it has not happened so far.

The Association has sought a meeting with the Chief Minister on Jan. 6, during which they will again press for meeting their demands, he said and added that the protest will be intensified if there was no positive response from the CM.

Association office-bearers Dr. P.M. Mahesh, D. Nagaraju and others took part in the protest.

Chit fund owner taken into custody

Mysuru, Jan.5 - A chit fund owner of the city has been taken into custody by the city has been taken into custody by the Saraswathipuram Police on charges of cheating investors.

Prashanth, owner of Subhada Chit Funds is the one who has been taken into custody following complaints by several investors, who have accused Prashanth of cheating them, it is learnt.

Demand for Cauvery Taluk: Kushalnagar bandh total

Kushalnagar, (Kodagu) Jan.5- The Kushalnagar bandh called by Cauvery Taluk Horata Kendriya Samiti demanding creation of Cauvery Taluk was total on Thursday, with the entire town witnessing a complete shut-down.

Shops, commercial & other business establishments, barring medical shops & milk booths, remained closed since morning. Hotels and Cinema theatres too were closed in support of the bandh.

However, buses, both KSRTC and private, maxicabs, autos, cabs and other public transport vehicles plied as usual and schools and colleges functioned normally.

As part of the bandh, Gram Panchayat (GP) members from Nail Hudikeri, Nanjarayapatna, Gudde Hosur, Suntikoppa, Shirangala and Kudige, marched in a padayatra from their respective GPs to Kushalnagar.

The protesters who took out a rally on B.M. Road, staged a demonstration at Masjid Circle and TMC Circle blocking the road for some time.

Later, they formed a human chain at Cariappa Circle and raised slogans demanding formation of Cauvery Taluk with Kushalnagar as headquarters.

Congress MLC Veena Achaiah visited the spot where an indefinite stir was launched a couple of days ago and enquired the health of the protesters.

The MLC assured the protesters of taking up the issue with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah when he visits the district on Jan. 9.

Meanwhile, M.E. Mustafa, a Samiti member, who was on fast for the past three days, collapsed yesterday, following which he was given first aid and shifted to the District Hospital at Madikeri in an ambulance.

Cauvery Taluk Horata Kendriya Samiti President V.P. Sashidhar, Member K.S. Rajashekar, ZP Members P.M. Latif, Kumuda Dharmappa, Sunitha Manjunath and K.P. Chandrakala, TMC Members T.R. Sharavanakumar, Madhusudhan, M.K. Cariappa and Promod Muthappa, leaders K.N. Devaraj, N.K. Mohan Kumar, Abdul Khadar, M. Krishna, K.B. Raju and others were present.

Prof. Aravind Malagatti and Prof. K.S. Bhagawan get bail in Bhagavad Gita burning remark case

Mysuru, Jan.5 (YDS&DM)- The Fourth JMFC Court has granted bail to University of Mysore (UoM) faculty Prof. Aravind Malagatti and writer Prof. K.S. Bhagawan, who were accused of making remarks on burning Bhagavad Gita.

The two who appeared before the Court on Thursday, were granted bail. Another UoM faculty Prof. B.P. Mahesh Chandra Guru, who is also an accused in the case, had obtained bail much earlier.

Following a complaint, the Jayalakshmipuram Police had registered a case against the three on charges that they had hurt religious sentiment by stating that Bhagavad Gita should be burnt at a seminar held in Feb. 2015.

The Court, which heard the case, had ordered the two to appear before it on Thursday for breaching of conditions of anticipatory bail.

Following the Court's direction, Prof. Malagatti and Prof. Bhagawan appeared before the Court yesterday where they were granted bail.

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We thank the members of Lopamudra Kodava Association, Vijayanagar 1st Stage; Kodava Samaja, Mysuru; relatives, friends & family members for their condolences & service during the demise of my wife **Thathanda Sharada Bheemaiya** on Dec. 29 (Friday).

The **Mada ceremony** has been arranged at **The Roost Hotel in Hinkal on Jan. 6 (Saturday) at 11.30 am.**

Mada invitations have been sent but those who have not yet received the invitation may please treat this as a personal invitation, attend the ceremony and pray for the departed soul.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Accentuate

Prounnciation: ak-SEN-shu-wayt
Meaning: Accent, emphasise; also: intensify
Origin: When you accentuate something, you put an "accent" (or emphasis) on it. So it will come as no surprise to learn that etymologists have traced accentuate back to accentus, the Latin word for accent. Accentus, in turn, combines the prefix ad- with cantus, meaning "song." Other descendants of accentus in English include accent itself, as well as accentual ("of, relating to, or characterised by accent").

THE ODD WORD

Fete

Have a celebration.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Running around like headless chickens

Meaning: With great haste and in a careless and/or senseless manner.
Origin: It seems that it originated in England, when chickens were killed by chopping off their heads. Sometimes the headless body would run around for a while before dying.

QUOTE BOX

Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.

— Carol Burnett

RIDDLE THIS

Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?

Answer: C.

SUDOKU

		7						
3		6						
	8	4		5	9			7
4	1			7	5		3	
	9		1	6			5	2
8			6	1		5	9	
						8		3
						2		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	5	9	4	6	1	2	8	7
8	6	4	2	9	7	1	3	5
1	7	2	3	8	5	9	4	6
9	2	3	1	7	6	4	5	8
6	4	7	5	2	8	3	1	9
5	1	8	9	3	4	7	6	2
7	3	1	8	5	9	6	2	4
2	8	6	7	4	3	5	9	1
4	9	5	6	1	2	8	7	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Girl's name
4 Random Access Memory
7 Roman statesman, soldier and writer?
11 Plunder, steal or pilfer
12 Bird: prefix
13 Sunken fence?
14 Shivaji and his descendants?
17 In _ __ : stagnant? (1,3)
18 Habitual
20 Third largest asteroid - "a vest" changed?
22 Grave or burial vault
23 ___ Amin: Ugandan despot of not so recent past?
24 Elated, as in, "walking __ ___ "? (2,3)
27 Increases in strength or accelerates sharply? (4,2)
31 If out of this, is not functioning properly
33 India paceman Ashish ___
34 Air Transport Auxiliary
35 River Thames at Oxford?
37 Like a fine beach
39 Canadian province? (4,6)
42 Profligate, rake
43 Voice boxes
46 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
47 Estimated Time of Arr.
48 Alabama
49 They can be used to catch butterflies
50 Designer monogram
51 Ring Laser Gyro

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

F	R	E	D	■	R	I	T	A	■	A	U	G
L	U	R	E	■	C	R	U	X	■	L	A	B
A	H	E	M	■	C	U	B	I	C	L	E	S
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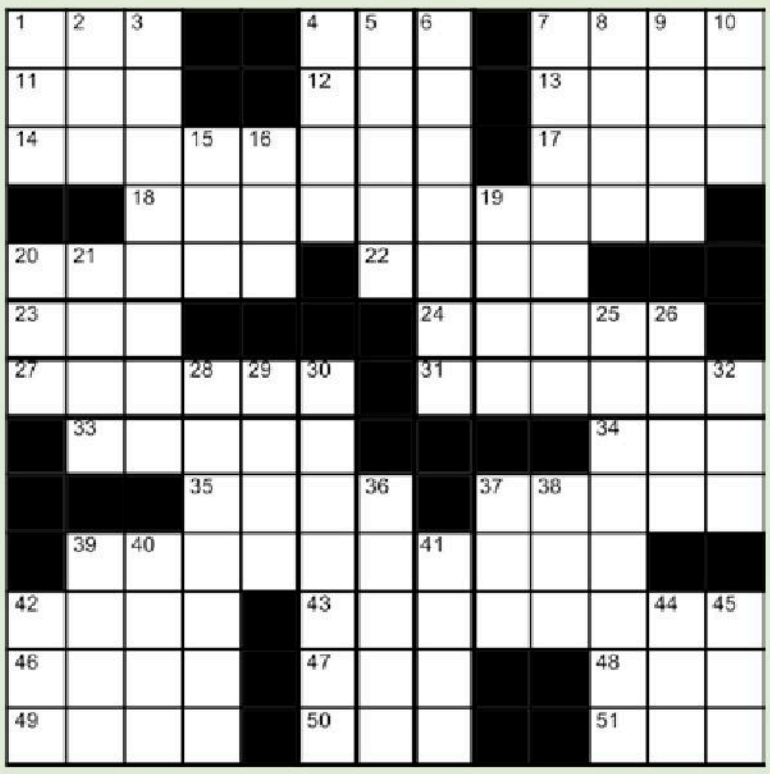
S	A	I	N	T	■	B	E	A	U	■	■	■
■	■	L	U	R	K	■	■	E	V	I	T	A
I	N	I	T	I	A	L	S	■	E	R	I	C
R	O	N	■	M	L	I	I	■	R	I	D	E
E	G	G	■	S	I	N	S	■	Y	S	E	R

DOWN

1 Branch or wing; weapon
2 Dead on arrival, acronym
3 Annoying or irritating; rough
4 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
5 Call at sea to stop
6 Perceived incorrectly
7 Famous valley and the river flowing through it
8 Swiss river - change of "area"?
9 Dull heavy sound
10 Outside Air Temperature
15 Do something on the stage or in front of a movie camera
16 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
19 Ever present as a prefix
20 Comedian __ Das
21 Adam and Eve's garden
25 Capital of Arunachal Pradesh
26 "Retired" in short?
28 Trembles because of cold, fear, etc.
29 As bear it is major or minor but in the sky
30 A soft wool fabric with a colourful woven pattern
32 Beam of sunlight
36 Sings like Ella
37 A filthy place or abode; pigpen
38 The Scottish for 'own'
39 Keep one's ___ clean : keep out of trouble?
40 Evict or expel
41 Spoken test
42 Make a dash for it!
44 Bend in a pipe
45 Hang down unevenly or loosely



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HD PLMKCKUD, OGZMNCD, ZA PLRP PLM XYZEMGAM

QRA BZJPRPMB OXP YKP AZUYMB

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Exercise relieves stress. Nothing relieves exercise.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bruhaspati	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Punarambha	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Namavaru Yaaru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Aakhri Raat	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Aakhri Sauda	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle			
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Velaikkaran	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Middle Class Abbayi (MCA)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	10 am, 5.10 pm, 7.30
Insidious: The Last Key (E)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-1)	2.25 pm
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.00 pm
All the Money in the World (E)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 9.55 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 7.00 pm
Pitch Perfect-3 (E)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Bruhaspati (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 1.45 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Eeda (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Aadu-2 (Ma)	(S-4)	10.40 am
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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Insidious: The Last Key (E)	(S-1)	10 am, 2.50 pm, 7.40
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Bruhaspati (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 6.55 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	12.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 5.05 pm 9.55 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm 6.50 pm
Aadu (Ma)	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Pitch Perfect-3 (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am
	(S-3)	7.30 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.5)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru: Thinker Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh release the book 'Kanavarike,' poetry collection of Bharati Prasad, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, poetess Usha Narasimhan speaks about the book, Janachethana President Prasanna N. Gowda chief guest, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

MDBKJA Trust - Sri Jnaneshwari Educational Institution: 18th anniversary celebrations, MLA Vasu, Corporator Shivanna, Corporator K.T. Chaluvegowda and BEO-North Zone D. Udaya Kumar chief guests, MDBKJA Trust Chairman Jayaramarao Lalige presides, School premises, Hebbal 1st Stage, **5.30 pm.**

Senior Citizens Forum: Monthly meeting, Nandi Circle premises, Kanakadasanagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Base PU College, Chamarajamohalla: *Rhuthu - A journey towards fruitfulness,* College Day celebrations, former UoM VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa chief guest, HoD-Mathematics (SJCE) Prof. C.S. Yogananda guest of honour, Maharaja College Centenary Hall, University of Mysore, **6 pm.**

Ganabhrathi and Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement : Fusion music concert 'Vishnu R. Collective,' special music programme, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Indian Speech and Hearing Association (MyISHA), Mysuru Chapter: 50th Annual Convention of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association [50th ISHACON], **Governor Vajubhai R. Vala** inaugurates, Yaduveer Wadiyar guest of honour, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) Gymkhana, Bogadi Road, **6.15 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sanchalana Mysuru: Inauguration of Children's theatre festival, former Rangayana Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, MLA G.T. Devegowda, Karnataka Balavikasa Academy Project Officer Mallikarjuna Maliger, DDPI Manjula and Niranthara Foundation's Prasad Kundoor will be present, staging of play *'Madhyama Vyayoga,'* Mini Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai', Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.6)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Sudarshan Vidya Samsthe: Annual School day celebrations, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple founder Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, Dept. of Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa presides, DDPI Manjula, Taluk-level BEO M. Vivekananda and journalist Ravi Koti, chief guests, Jaganmohan Palace premises, **10 am.**

Samridhi: Expo of collection of clothes, jewellery, bags and accessories, Hotel Southern Star, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysuru and South Indian Numismatic Society (SINS): 28th Annual Conference of SINS, Women and Child Development Minister Umashree inaugurates, Minister H.C. Mahadevappa releases 28th Annual Journal, R.V.R. Saisravan from Chennai presides, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, Legislative Council Deputy Chairman Marithibbegowda, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and MLA M.K. Somashekar guests of honour, SINS-Chennai General Secretary Dr. A.V. Narasimha Murthy and President Dr. R. Krishnamurthy will be present, Office Auditorium, **10.30 am.**

Yuvaraja's College (Autonomous), University of Mysore, Mysuru: Fifth Graduation Day, Dr. M.K. Surappa, Hon. Professor, Department of Materials Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (Former Director, IIT - Ropar), chief guest, UoM VC Prof. C. Basavaraju, presides, Centenary Hall, Yuvaraja's College campus, **11 am.**

Mathrumandali Girls PU College: Ethnic Day, Dr. Shanthi of UoM chief guest, Mathrumandali Educational Institution Hon. Joint Secretary H.A. Vani presides, College premises, V.V. Mohalla, **11 am.**

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) and Balaga Mysuru: Special lecture on 'Pravadi' authored by Khalil Gibran marking the author's birth anniversary, theatre person and thinker H.S. Umesh speaks, KIKS Director Prof. Priti Srimandarkumar presides, B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS premises, Manasagangothri, **3.30 pm.**

International Society for Krishna Consciousness: Sri Krishna Balarama Ratha Yatra, Inauguration at Palace Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Ratha Yatra from Palace to ISKCON, Jayanagar, **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm;** Arati with Sankirtana, ISKCON, Jayanagar, **8.30 pm.**

Baden Powell Public School: Annual School Day Fest (2017-18), MLA and former Mayor Vasu chief guest, BP Education Society President and ex-Mayor P. Vishwanath presides, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

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Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Karnatak Classical Violin by Vid. Srikanth Radhakrishnan, accompanied by Vid. Nikshith Puttur on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Vijay Foundation and The Institution of Engineers, Mysuru: Swami Nityasthanandaji, Senior Swamiji, Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, releases book 'Art and Science of Mudras - Healing at your finger tips' authored by Prof. D.V.S. Iyer, Dr. Shanthalakshmi R. Iyer, Wellness Expert from Atlanta, GA, USA and R. Narayan, Raghulal Health Mart, Mysuru, guests of honour, S.P. Bhat Hall, The Institution of Engineers (India), JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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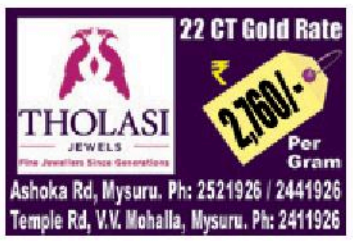
Eucharistic celebration

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Holy Eucharistic celebration will be held on the first Saturday of every month at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto in Srirampura Church.

This month it will be held tomorrow (Jan. 6) at 6 pm, according to Rev. Fr. Raymond, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church.



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